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Patent Number <u>6,294,487</u>		Date of Patent Issued <u>September 25, 2001</u>	
I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: <u>Airbag Fabric Possessing Very Low Cover Factor</u> the specification of which <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>February 4, 2002</u> as reissue application number <u>10</u> / <u>066,738</u> and was amended on <u>5/16/03, 9/15/04, and 6/2/05</u> (if applicable) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications. I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.) <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of a defective specification or drawing. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent. <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of other errors.			

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Docket Number (Optional) 2102RE

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[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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At least one error upon which reissued is based is described as follows:

Applicant believes the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more than he had the right to claim in the patent. An explanation of this error is set forth below.

Claim 1 of the original patent reads:

An airbag fabric for incorporation within an airbag cushion comprising a woven fabric substrate, at least a portion of which is coated or laminated, wherein said woven fabric substrate has a cover factor below about 1900, and wherein the air permeability of said airbag fabric is less than about 0.5 cfm under 124 Pa pressure at about 25 °C.

After the issue date of the original patent, the inventor learned that a woven fabric having a cover factor of less than 1900—but greater than 1600—and coated with a thick silicone-based coating to yield low air permeability was produced and commercially sold at a date likely more than one year prior to the filing date of the original patent. Applicant believes that the combined attributes of the above-described fabric (e.g., a woven fabric having a cover factor less than 1900 and coated with a silicone-based coating to reduce air permeability) meet all of the elements recited in claim 1 of the original patent. Therefore, Applicant believes the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of claim 1 encompassing a fabric that was in public use or on sale more than one year prior to the filing date of the original patent.